



DESCRIPTION

The hunt area contains the Carson River Deer Herd. This is an interstate deer herd with a portion of the herd wintering in Nevada.

The deer are mainly Rocky Mountain mule deer, which are larger than blacktails. The J7 Junior Hunt provides you with the opportunity to hunt these deer without the competition in the regular rifle hunt.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This hunt is provided only to licensed junior hunters between the ages of twelve (12) and sixteen (16) with valid California junior hunting licenses. Juniors receiving tags must be accompanied by an adult, eighteen (18) years of age or older.

The zone contains a large summer range in good condition and a small winter range that is in poor condition. Therefore, it is the winter range that controls the size of the deer herd population.

There are no hot spots - deer are taken throughout the zone. During the hunt period, deer are found on their summer range generally above 6,000 feet.

Some of the areas where deer are taken each year include: Red Lake Peak, Crater Lake, Forestdale Creek area, Hawkins Peak, Pickett Peak, Markleeville Peak, around Faith and Charity Valley (all in the Hope Valley area) and the Monitor Pass area off Highway 89. (Please refer to a U.S. Forest Service map)

During the hunt period, deer are found in small scattered groups around aspen stands. At first light and again in late evening, deer may be found in more open areas feeding, but they usually aren't far from the cover of aspen stands.

There are a few main access roads on the public lands. This means you will have to walk to get into many of the hunt areas. Weather can be unpredictable. Prepare for the possibility of adverse weather conditions, especially in the wilderness areas.

Tags are valid only for the type of deer designated on the tag. Antlerless deer are defined as female deer, fawns of either-sex other than spotted fawns, and male deer with an unbranched antler on one or both sides which is not more than three inches in length. Either-sex deer are antlerless deer, as described above, or legal bucks that have two or more points in the upper two-thirds of either antler. Spike bucks may not be taken (Section 204(d), Fish and Game Code).

SAFETY

Most accidents associated with big game hunting involve a loaded gun in the vehicle. Remember what you learned in your hunter safety classes, be careful and enjoy yourself.

OTHER

The Toiyabe National Forest provides the best maps of the hunt area. These are available from:

Carson Ranger District
1536 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701
(775) 884-8123

If you have any questions before the season opens, please call the local biologist Terri Weist at (530) 644-5980.

Season dates: October 18-26, 2003